2023 Civil Air Patrol – Texas Wing Conference Information for Parents of Cadets

Overview

We want to encourage cadets to attend the conference. The goal is to bring our members together to provide education and information as well as honor our annual award winners. Much like other CAP events, there is an opportunity to network and share knowledge with members outside of our normal meeting areas.

Attendance

The conference is being held at the South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center. There will be folks not associated with CAP in the area. Cadets with parent supervision are considered accompanied. All cadets attending the conference will be expected to purchase the conference tickets through Eventbrite by 17 APR 2023 and hotel tickets (discussed below) by 5 APR 2023. There will be no refunds given after 17 APR 2023.

On Friday evening, 28 APR, there is a private cadet ball planned from 6 to 10 pm in the hotel, Salon B. This is a formal dress event. Cadets are welcome to purchase a guest ball ticket and bring a date to the ball. The date may be someone not associated with CAP. There will be five (5) CAP chaperones present during the ball. Cadets need to have dinner prior to coming to the ball.

On Saturday, 29 APR, we have specifically scheduled *at least* one cadet-focused presentation each hour of the day along with our sessions open to all members. See the schedule as well as descriptions at https://txwg.cap.gov/about/conference.

Cadet Rules

- All will be expected to be on their best behavior and exemplary ambassadors for CAP
- Unaccompanied cadets will be assigned a flight and an adult leader at registration
- Unaccompanied cadets are expected to be with their flights during the opening, lunch, and dinner events
- All will be allowed to attend sessions as they desire but are expected to have a wingman
- Cadets will not leave the hotel grounds during the event without their parent(s)
- All cadets will check out with conference staff before leaving the conference
- All cadets will complete check out no later than 30 April at 1:30 pm

On Sunday, 30 APR, there is an opportunity for members and their families to go to <u>Space Center Houston</u> as a group from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. The tickets may be purchased in Eventbrite at a reduced rate compared to the normal door rate.

Hotel Rooms

We prefer those cadets staying overnight, during the conference, have a parent with them. The parent should make the hotel reservation through the links provided at https://txwg.cap.gov/about/conference to get the reduced rates. If a parent is unavailable, Cadets have an option to purchase a ticket in Eventbrite for half of a hotel room. This Eventbrite ticket must be purchased before 5 APR 2023. For those cadets, Texas Wing will then reserve and pay for the rooms from the collected Eventbrite funds as well as assign two (2) cadets per room with consideration to age and gender.

Cadet Rules

- Cadets will not have visitors in their rooms
- Cadet rooms will be grouped together and be near an adult supervisor room
- The hotel pool is off-limits during the conference for all cadets
- Unaccompanied cadets will only go to their hotel rooms at check-in and at the end of the day
- Two adult members will be performing nightly room checks around 10:30 pm
- Cadets are expected to remain in their assigned rooms from the time of nightly check-in until morning